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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14-17, 19, 20, 22-27, 29-33, and 35-62 are pending in the present application. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time has been simultaneously filed along with this Response. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested for the reasons discussed below.

In the Final Rejection mailed July 26, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14-17, 19, 22-27, 29-33, 35-49, 51-60, and 62¹ and objected to claims 50 and 61 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the previous Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14-17, 19, 22-27, 29-33, 35-49, and 51-60 based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and/or as obvious over Cremer (U.S. Patent No. 4,109,024) in view of Friedman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,928,693) for the same reasons as discussed in the previous Office Action. While Applicants disagree with these rejections for at least the reasons of record, Applicants have canceled all of the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph thereby rendering that rejection moot and incorporated the language regarding various components of the coating composition previously included in claims 50 and 61, which were objected to, into each of the independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

¹ Presumably, the Examiner meant to also reject claim 5, but this claim was not specifically addressed in her remarks. Regardless, Applicants respectfully submit that this claim is allowable as dependent from an allowable independent claim.

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In the event there are any remaining formalities or other issues needing Applicants' assistance, Applicants request the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at (616) 949-9610.

Respectfully submitted,

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